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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- 1. Response to an Office Action; and
- 2. Change of Correspondence Address.

There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Response.

In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 20, 2004

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated September 21, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.